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Washington, D.C. 20210



JUN 30 2004

The Honorable Judy Martz  
Governor of Montana  
P.O. Box 0801  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Governor Martz:

It is with pleasure that I respond to the State of Montana's request for an extension of a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) waiver of the time limit on the period of initial eligibility of training providers at 20 CFR 663.530. This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, subtitles B and E and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The State of Montana's request (copy enclosed) indicates that a waiver extension will allow it to better determine the most effective and efficient method of collecting training provider performance data, as well as alleviate provider concerns with the types and amount of information being requested.

The waiver is written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c) and appears to meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(c). Accordingly, the State of Montana is granted an extension of the waiver through June 30, 2005.

The granted waiver extension is incorporated by reference into the state's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and also constitutes a modification of the state's approved five-year strategic plan. A copy of this letter should be filed with the state's WIA Grant Agreement and the state's approved five-year strategic plan, as appropriate.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce investment outcomes. We are prepared to entertain other state and local-level waiver requests that you may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the WIA statute and regulations.

Sincerely,

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure



Governor Judy Martz

# Montana

## Department of Labor and Industry

### Workforce Services Division

June 4, 2004

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Division of One-Stop Operations  
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Washington, DC 20210

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Dear Ms. Kulick:

Enclosed is Montana's waiver request to extend the implementation of the subsequent eligibility process for Eligible Training Providers as described in the Workforce Investment Act, Section 122 (c)(5) and WIA Regulations 663.530 until June 30, 2005.

This postponement will allow Montana to better determine the most effective and efficient method of collecting the training providers' performance data as well as alleviate our providers' concerns with the types and amount of information being requested. Montana fully supports the concepts of consumer choice and program accountability as directed in the Workforce Investment Act and believes that this postponement will allow our providers and us to meet those goals. Implementation of the subsequent eligibility determination process would continue throughout the year with a final implementation date of June 30, 2005.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Kate Kahle, MIS Program Specialist at (406) 444-9043.

Thank you for your consideration of our waiver request.

Sincerely,

*Ingrid Childress*

Ingrid Childress, Administrator  
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**State of Montana  
Waiver Request  
Workforce Investment Act  
Subsequent Eligibility Determination of Eligible Training Providers**

The Montana Department of Labor and Industry (MDLI), the State administrative entity for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), is requesting an extension of the original waiver submitted to DOL-ETA on March 2, 2004 to postpone the implementation of the Subsequent Eligibility Determination process for Eligible Training Providers. We request an extension until June 30, 2005.

We request this waiver extension so that Montana can better determine the most effective and efficient method of collecting the training providers' performance data as well as alleviate our providers' concerns with the types and amounts of information being requested. Many of Montana's training providers have expressed their concerns with the cost and time involved in developing a reporting system which will gather information relating to wages and/or placement of those individuals participating in their programs. These concerns affect those participants who received assistance under WIA as well as all other individuals participating in the applicable program.

This postponement will also allow Montana the opportunity to complete the design of our ETP website. This website will be available to all participants, training providers, and service providers and will allow them to view training information, eligibility status, and on-line application submission.

The goals and outcomes of the March 2, 2004 waiver remain the same.

This waiver is being requested in the format described in WIA Section 189 (i) (4) (B) and WIA Regulations 661.420.